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Weed Nazi Bethany Sherman Employs White Supremacist Lawyer William Daniel Johnson to Abuse Court System

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In 2017, [Eugene Antifa revealed](#) that Bethany Sherman, owner of cannabis testing lab OG Analytical in Eugene, OR, was a Nazi with a large online presence of fascist and racist Twitter posts. Sherman was forced to close her business as a result. Now, Sherman, with the help of white supremacist attorney William Daniel Johnson, is attempting to abuse the court system in order to subpoena Eugene Antifa's former web host to reveal personal information about members of Eugene Antifa and visitors to their website. There is no legal basis for these subpoenas, according to the [Civil Liberties Defense Center](#) (CLDC), and the entire case is nothing more than an attempt to target anti-fascist activists and intimidate them in order to prevent the truth about these Nazis in our community from being known.

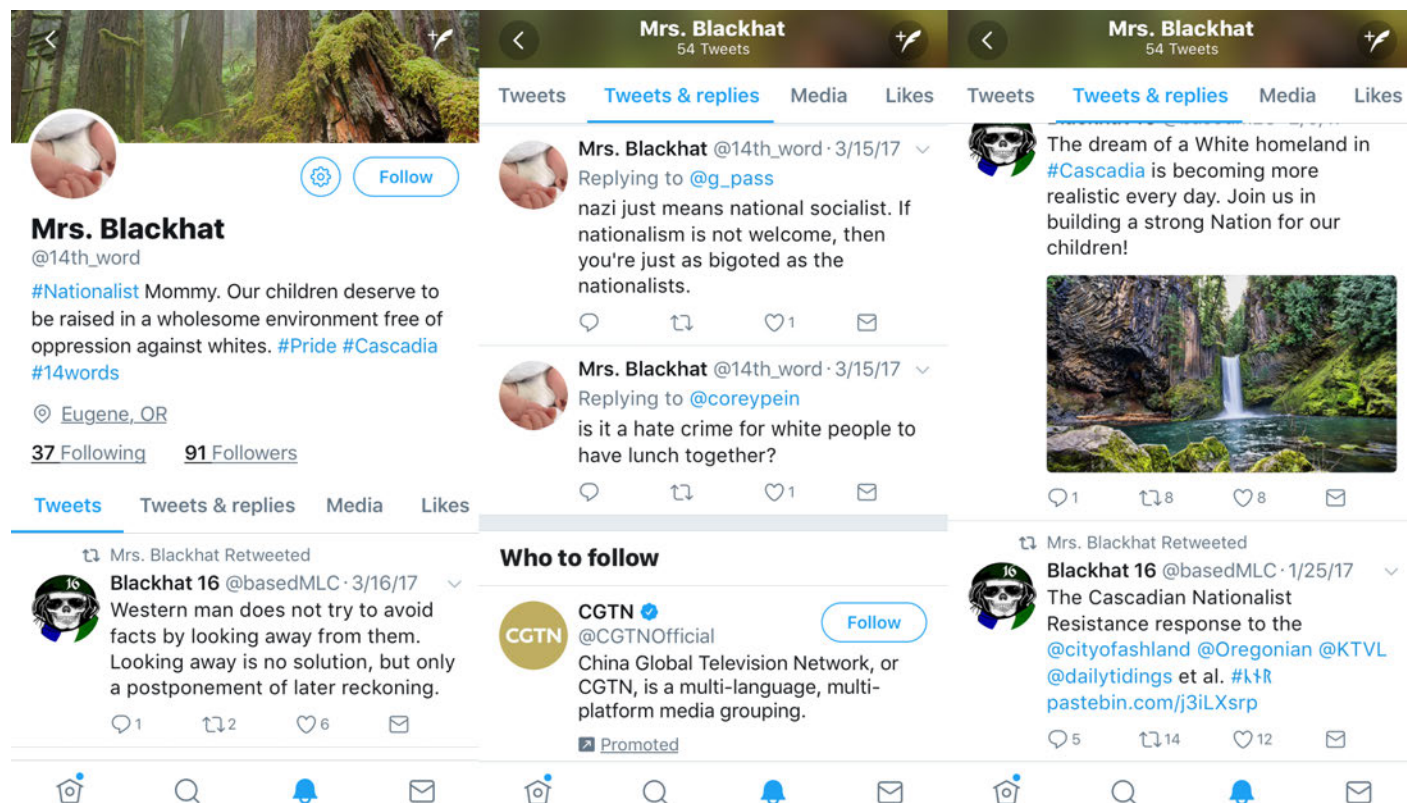
Bethany Sherman, the “Weed Nazi”



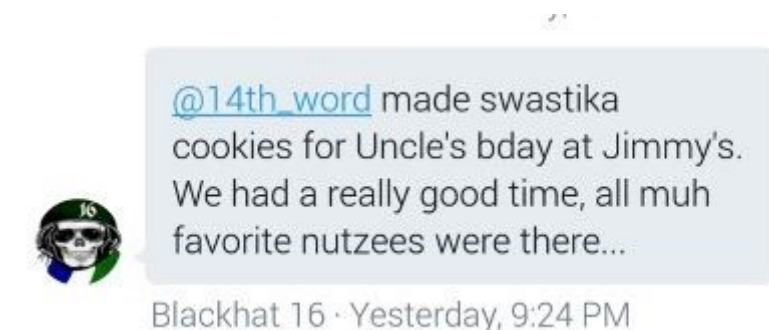
Bethany Sherman, here representing her former company, OG Analytical.

Last year, Rose City Antifa, along with [Eugene Antifa](#) and the [Pacific Northwest Anti-Fascist Workers Collective](#), gained access to the logs of a [Discord server used by a variety of Pacific Northwest fascists and white supremacists, given the tongue-in-cheek name, the Cascadian Coffee Company \(CCC\)](#). Discord is a chat app, originally developed for online gaming, but often used by the far-right and white supremacists groups to organize their groups and events. These logs contain thousands of messages detailing activities, organizing, and interactions of one particular bunch in the Oregon and Washington region. From these messages, anti-fascists were able to identify a number of active white supremacists in the region, including [David Woods](#), [Justin Marbury](#), [Ian Lawton](#), [Austin Wilkison](#), [Andrew Oswalt](#) and [Wade Mendisabal](#), as well as write a number of articles detailing the activities of locally-active fascist organizations, such as [American Front](#), [The Daily Stormer Book Clubs](#), [True Cascadia](#), and [Atomwaffen Division](#). [Eugene Antifa](#) was also able to identify [Discord user Blackhat16 as Matthew Lee Combs](#). And from that information, they were able to determine that he used the twitter account “Black Hat 16” or @basedMLC, and that his partner, Bethany Sherman, was the person behind the fascist Twitter account titled Mrs. Blackhat, or @14th word.

Bethany Sherman never denied the identification, instead [releasing a statement](#) claiming that she in fact was being attacked for having “white pride.” Meanwhile, the media latched onto the story– the fact that [the owner of a well-regarded cannabis business was outed as a fascist](#) became big news.



A selection of Bethany Sherman's tweets, promoting both Matthew Lee Combs tweets and a Nazi agenda.



Matthew Lee Combs brags about Bethany Sherman making swastika cookies for Hitler's birthday at Jimmy Marr's house.

blackhat 16 5/31/2017, 10:54:38 AM

We're going to Laskey's handfasting that day (June 10th). Should make it to the July meet up tho

Wehrmacht 5/31/2017, 11:08:00 AM

awww maaan

Wehrmacht 5/31/2017, 11:11:49 AM

hoping bethany could present a more female oriented argument for ethno nationalism to my lady

In this message from the CCC Discord, Justin Marbury (aka wehrmacht) is disappointed that Combs' (aka blackhat 16) partner Bethany can't make a fascist meet-up.

While she denied being a "neo-Nazi" to *The Oregonian*, the statement she issued speaks as to where Sherman stands on white supremacy.

I find it extremely disconcerting that it is admired and revered to have "Gay Pride," "Black Pride," "Asian Pride," or pride in any other cultural heritage, but if you have "White Pride," it automatically makes you a Nazi, and you are ostracized, attacked, and lynched by your community. I admit, I am proud that I am white, and I'm not ashamed of my heritage. And I admit that I have been so conditioned to feel shame about this pride that I discreetly sought community where I could.

Jimmy Marr 6/16/2017, 4:13:58 PM

<https://www.dailystormer.com/its-a-huge-transformation-for-the-alt-right-to-make/>

blackhat 16 6/16/2017, 4:45:39 PM

Not only Mrs Blackhat but also other members of my family were swayed by the simple logic of the "pride meme". The one where it shows the wiki entries for Black Pride, Asian Pride, Gay Pride, and White Pride next to each other, along with the first few lines from each, illustrating the hypocrisy of framing the first three as virtuous but White Pride as "hate"

Australopithecus Jordan 6/16/2017, 8:59:58 PM

Asked wife what helped her to "wake up". She said it was the movie *Fury*, particularly the scene when they captured German soldiers who

In this image, Sherman's statement to the media affirming her belief in "white pride" is juxtaposed with a message from the CCC Discord, where Combs mentions that a meme about "Black Pride, Asian Pride, and Gay Pride" almost identical to Sherman's public statement is what made his partner first become a white supremacist. (Sherman's statement is quoted from *The Eugene Weekly*.)

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himself very lucky to have found a workplace that utilizes his laboratory skills and experience. With a meticulous nature and a fine attention to detail, [REDACTED] uses great care to guarantee that each test result is as accurate as possible, and he is devoted to ensuring safe, clean, and quality medicine that Oregon patients can trust.



A photo of Combs and Sherman from the OG Analytical website.

Recently, Sherman was sued by 12 former employees of OG Analytical, who claim that she failed to pay them after firing them, as well as refuses to give them access to their retirement accounts.

But as if this much negative publicity and community shame was not enough for Sherman, she decided to lash out at the anti-fascists who reported the truth about her, with the help of long-time white supremacist lawyer, William Daniel Johnson.

William Daniel Johnson



William Daniel Johnson

[William Daniel Johnson](#) has been a fixture of white supremacy in American politics since at least 1985, when he was campaigning for a constitutional amendment called the “Pace Amendment,” which would revoke the citizenship of every nonwhite person in the United States. His political party was originally called the American Third Position Party, but changed its name to the American Freedom Party (AFP) in 2013. For awhile, there were chapters of the AFP in many states, but it has seemed to have faded away in recent years.

Rose City Antifa is well-acquainted with the former American Freedom Party in Oregon. In a [series](#) of [articles](#), Rose City Antifa [documented local Oregon members](#) of the racist party led by Johnson, and established that these individuals were out spoken white supremacists, if not outright Nazis.



AFP member Brent Joly, pictured at a memorial event for Greek fascist party Golden Dawn, hosted by the AFP



Kyle Brewster (right) at an AFP event. Brewster was one of the three members of East Side White Pride and White Aryan Resistance who murdered Ethiopian immigrant Mulugeta Seraw in Portland on November 13, 1988. Seraw was beaten with a baseball bat and left in a pool of his own blood. He died early the next morning. According to another one of the murderers, Ken “Death” Mieske (now deceased), they murdered Seraw “because of his race”.



AFP members Kelly Conrady, Rebecca Hughes, and Laura Cole, posing with the flag of the violent South African neo-Nazi group, [Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging](#).

Johnson has attempted to get involved in more mainstream politics without success. In September 2007, [he held a fundraiser for Ron Paul's presidential campaign](#), and in June 2008, [he ran a failed campaign to become a judge in the Los Angeles Superior Court](#). In 2016, he was “mistakenly” selected as a California delegate for Trump, and [only resigned when media drew attention to his white supremacist views](#).

Johnson has also noticed the work of anti-fascists disrupting his AFP activities. After Rose City Antifa published articles about AFP members in Oregon, Johnson made a ham-handed attempt to “doxx” Rose City Antifa, [recklessly assuming some random Flickr account had a relation to RCA because a photo ID had the same digits as RCA's public phone line.](#)

PINNED POSTS

**Dean Andersen**

FAR Project is a coalition of concerned White Nationalists dedicated to boots on the ground activism in an attempt to rally our race toward action.

Events held Monthly Nationwide. Check out our events page to see what we have planned: http://freeamericarally.org/upcoming_events/

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**William Johnson**

These are photos uploaded from the cell phone used as the Portland Oregon Antifa Hotline... 971-533-7832 located at the "Red and Black Cafe" in Portland. Does anyone recognize anyone from these photos (Illinois antifa)?

██████████ Avenue, Rockford, IL



Johnson attempts to “doxx” anti-fascists with some random person's Flickr account.

Johnson is now helping Bethany Sherman to target anti-fascists yet again, by filing a frivolous lawsuit alleging that in reporting the truth, Eugene Antifa was somehow defaming Sherman. However, the real purpose of the lawsuit is obvious. In not going after the many media outlets that also reported the fact that Sherman is a Nazi (and who have money to pay for damages), and in only suing the anti-fascists, Sherman and Johnson make their real goal clear: to leverage the power of court subpoenas to discover the identity of the anonymous activists.

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12 **FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

13 **BETHANY SHERMAN, an individual, and**
14 **OG ANALYTICAL, an Oregon limited**
15 **liability company,**

16 **Plaintiff,**

17 **vs.**

18 **DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,**
19 **Defendants.**

CASE NO. **CGC-18-569429**

COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

The cover sheet of the frivolous law suit filed by white-supremacist lawyer Johnson on behalf of "Weed-Nazi" Bethany Sherman.

Johnson, on behalf of Sherman, has subpoenaed Eugene Antifa's former web host, Weebly, demanding access to any personal information related to the account. This is an obvious attempt to punish anti-fascists for telling the truth, and to intimidate them by having access to their personal information and locations.

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SHORT TITLE: SHERMAN and OG ANALYTICAL v. , DOES 1-10	CASE NUMBER: CGC-18-569429
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ATTACHMENT (Number): 3*(This Attachment may be used with any Judicial Council form.)*

1. All documents related to the identity of the creator of the webpage at "eugeneantifa.weebly.com", including but not limited to documents that provide all names, mailing addresses, phone numbers, billing information, date of account creation, account information and all other identifying information associated with the email address under any and all names, aliases, identities or designations related to the email address, from the date of the creation of the address to the present; and
2. All documents related to the usage of the webpage "eugeneantifa.weebly.com", including but not limited to documents that provide IP [Internet Protocol] logs, IP address information at time of registration and subsequent usage, computer usage logs, or other means of recording information concerning the email or Internet usage of the email address, from the date of the creation of the address to the present.

Part of the subpoena that was issued to Weebly, attempting to get information about the administrators of the former Eugene Antifa website.

In the memorandum to quash the subpoena filed by Johnson and Sherman, the CLDC lawyer notes that under the legal precedent of the United States, for a statement to be considered defamatory, it "must contain a provable falsehood." In other words, for Sherman to have any sort of case at all, she must prove that she is not a white supremacist, as claimed in the article. In her lawsuit, she has not made any attempt to do this. In fact, in her public statements she has verified that she does indeed exhibit "white pride," and has never denied the fascist and racist statements identified as made by her, are in fact her statements. Therefore, argues the CLDC, her lawsuit is entirely without merit.

0 A defamatory statement “must contain a provable falsehood.” *ZL Techs* at 624. If
 9 it does not, the statement is mere opinion and is generally constitutionally protected.
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 11 *Id.* Courts have recognized that the distinction between fact and opinion is not absolute
 12 and that some opinions contain implicit reference to a factual assertion. *Id.* Assuming
 13 the statements noted in plaintiffs’ complaint include falsifiable elements (e.g., plaintiff
 14 is/is not a neo-Nazi, does/ does not socialize with neo-Nazi’s, does/does not actively
 15 participate in neo-Nazi or white-supremacist organizations/message boards, etc.), it is
 16 on the burden of the plaintiffs, in this situation, to show falsity. *ZL Techs* at 631.
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 18 While a plaintiff is not normally required to show falsity in its pleadings, “[w]hen
 19 the speech involves a matter of public concern...a private-figure plaintiff must prove the
 20 falsity of the offensive speech.” *Id.* In this case, the allegedly defamatory speech is a
 21 matter of public concern. As the complaint alludes, the author(s) of the article are
 22 concerned about the safety of individuals in their community given the violent history of
 23 white supremacists and Nazis in the U.S. and elsewhere. Complaint ¶ 8.
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Furthermore, the memo goes on to note, previous courts have acknowledged the fact that “there is reason to believe that [at least some] defamation plaintiffs bring suit merely to unmask the identities of anonymous critics,’ with ‘the primary goal being to silence John Doe and others like him.” White supremacists, neo-Nazis, and other groups with vocal critics in society will often attempt to abuse the court system in order to persecute those critics. Writes the CLDC: “given the bare and paltry nature of the complaint, the venue chosen by plaintiff (it is clear, on the face of the complaint, that venue is proper in Oregon, not California), and the history of white-supremacists identifying and then violently attacking those who speak out against Nazism/white-supremacy, it appears that this complaint was only filed for the purpose of harassing and intimidating Doe(s).”

The history of [white-supremacists attacking anti-fascist](#) and [anti-racist](#) activists, often with the help of the [police and courts](#), is too broad to recount in full. But we don’t even need to go any further afield than the bounds of this case, to prove that. The lawyer who filed this lawsuit, William Daniel Johnson, has already been documented recklessly exposing random people’s personal information online, in the effort to identify and intimidate anti-fascists, as we noted in 2014, and above.

We welcome the community to inform the California State Bar about Johnson’s actions. Here is his license listing from the CA State Bar website:

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In addition, we hope that Weebly takes note of this blatant attempt at abusing the subpoena system to harass their customers, and properly investigates the claims that are made by white supremacists before blindly giving in to their requests. It is vital that web hosts such as Weebly do not fall victim to the lies perpetrated by white supremacists such as Johnson and Sherman, and become unwitting aids to their violence. It is their responsibility to honor their commitments to safeguard the privacy of their customers, so that important activism can be done safely.

Anti-fascists will continue to research white supremacists and alert the public about their activities, regardless of any attempts at intimidation. If you have information about white supremacist activity in your area, contact Rose City Antifa at fight_them_back@riseup.net.

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